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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS1. Objections and Rejections

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the Examiner has declared her previous rejections to claims 1-16 moot and has approved the amendments to the drawings.

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 10, 11, and 14-16 now stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly anticipated by O'Conner Professional Camera Support Systems Consumer Price List ("Consumer Price List"). Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 14, and 15 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,767,090 to Hartman *et al.* ("Hartman"). Further, claims 1, 4-7, and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,320,316 to Baker. Moreover, claims 1, 4, 7, and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,872,627 to O'Conner. In addition, claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly rendered obvious by each of